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U.S.-BANGLADESH-JAPAN COOPERATION ON STORM WARNING
SYSTEM

REF: (A) DACCA 4520, (B) BANGKOK 20656,
(C) STATE 189535 (ALL MSGS NOTAL)

1. FOUR-MAN TEAM OF U.S. EXPERTS, WHO HAD BEEN IN DACCA TO MAKE PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER 1978 INSTALLATION OF GROUND STATION FOR RECEIVING METEOROLOGY IMAGERY (FROM TIROS, FROM JAPANESE GMS SATELLITE, AND POSSIBLY FROM A RUSSIAN SATELLITE) FOR USE IN BD STORM WARNING SYSTEM, SPENT A DAY IN TOKYO OBTAINING JAPANESE VIEWS ON PROJECT. ON MORNING OF JULY 28 THEY MET WITH DIRECTOR AND STAFF OF JAPAN METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY, AND IN AFTERNOON BRIEFED SCICOUNS ON PROPOSED STORM WARNING SYSTEM BEFORE DEPARTING FOR U.S.

2. TEAM MEMBERS WERE P.F. KRUMPE (AID/OFDA), M.W. BROOKS (NOAA/NWS), C. VERMILLION (NASA/GODDARD), AND A. BROUGH (P AND P INDUSTRIES). THEY SHOWED CONSIDERABLE INITIATIVE
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IN ARRANGING MEETING ON SHORT NOTICE WITH METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY AND RECEIVED EXCELLENT RECEPTION THERE. THEY WERE PRECEDED BY MESSAGE TO DIRECTOR OF JMA FROM GPRB EXTERNAL RESOURCES DIVISION, MINISTRY OF PLANNING, READING AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. BANGLADESH LANDSAT PROGRAMME PLANNING TO INSTALL

ADVANCED METEOROLOGICAL GROUND STATION CAPABLE OF RECEIVING DATA FROM JAPANESE GEOSTATIONARY METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE (GMS) UNDER A COOPERATIVE U.S. NASA/NOAA PROGRAMME. GROUND STATION TESTS COMMENCE FROM 15 SEPTEMBER AND OPERATION SCHEDULED FROM OCTOBER 1978. GRATEFUL IF JAPAN METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY INFORMATION AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR GMS USE BY BANGLADESH LANDSAT PROGRAMME AND METEOROLOGY DEPARTMENT. UNQUOTE.

3. EMBASSY IMPRESSION OF PROPOSED PROJECT IS THAT IT IS IDEAL WAY FOR USG AND GOJ TO COMBINE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO LDC BADLY IN NEED OF FAST WARNING SYSTEM TO DETECT CATASTROPHIC TROPICAL STORMS. SCICOUNS INFORMED TEAM ABOUT SOUNDINGS TAKEN AT BANGKOK REGIONAL ESCAP MEETING (REFS B AND C) WHICH COULD LEAD TO U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATION ON RESEARCH RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT; WHETHER STORM WARNING PROJECT QUALIFIES FOR THIS CONCEPT CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED HERE, BUT HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS COUPLED WITH NEED FOR SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGY SEEM TO MAKE IT A LOGICAL ITEM FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. MANSFIELD

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